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Mr. Kodwo Gharpey-Tagoe
 State President - South Carolina
 Duke Energy Progress, LLC
 40 West Broad Street
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**Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate
 Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Accounting Order
 Docket No. 2018-318-E**

Dear Mr. Gharpey-Tagoe:

As you know, our firm represents the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation ("Farm Bureau"). Mr. Gary Spires, Director of Government Relations for the Farm Bureau, has asked us to confirm your conversation with him late yesterday afternoon regarding discussions between Duke Energy Progress ("DEP") and the Farm Bureau and individual farmers to try to resolve their concerns with the ongoing DEP rate case. As you know, the farmers have expressed three main concerns, summarized as follows:

1. As testified to in the night hearings in this case, and as further explained in the letter from Harry Ott, Farm Bureau President, to the Commission dated April 9, 2019, farmers subscribe to both Small General Service ("SGS") and Medium General Service ("MGS"). While the Farm Bureau appreciates DEP's agreement to limit the increase in the Base Facility Charge ("BFC") for SGS, no such concession has been made for the BFC for MGS, which DEP proposes to increase from \$17.17 to \$40.03 per month. This 133% increase is unreasonably large and extremely burdensome to the farming community at a time when farmers are struggling. The Farm Bureau has asked the Commission not to increase the BFC for MGS at all, but to the extent an increase is ordered, that it be limited to no more than the same percentage increase that was agreed to for SGS, which would result in a BFC for MGS of not more than \$21.38.

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2. The Farm Bureau has requested and we understand DEP is amenable to designating an account representative that is trained and knowledgeable to deal with agricultural accounts.
3. We understand DEP believes that many agricultural accounts are not properly classified, and that DEP has proposed to work with the Farm Bureau and others to ensure those accounts are properly classified.

Very truly yours,

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